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## Adoption of Municipal Plan and Budget 2019/2020

On Tuesday 18 June, City of Palmerston adopted its Municipal Plan and Budget 2019/2020.

The Municipal Plan is a key publication outlining Council's commitment to providing quality services and infrastructure to the community and how they will be resourced.

Highlights from the plan include:

- Capital Budget of \$9.84 million;
- Implementation of the *Palmerston Local Economic Plan*;
- \$2 million Smart Cities Program to improve liveability, and deter crime and anti-social behaviour;
- 4,700 street and public lights to be replaced with energy efficient LEDs;
- \$770,000 in road resealing;
- \$605,000 on new and renewed footpaths and driveways;
- \$500,000 in tree planting to increase green coverage;
- \$150,000 in drainage upgrade and maintenance;
- \$130,000 for artificial shading; and
- Solar PV systems on two Council buildings reducing energy demand and costs.

Waste Service Charges decreased a further \$20 this year, meaning that due to operational efficiencies, it has reduced 7.5% in the last two years. Council will increase rates revenue by 2.9%, meaning that 67% of properties will see an increase of only \$10 a year, or 19 cents a week and the most other properties will receive an increase of less than \$1 per week.

The Municipal Plan continues to make Palmerston 'A Place for People' and builds on the work this Council has started to deliver on our vision for our city's growth, sustainability and liveability.

The Municipal Plan and Budget is available to view at Council's website, [www.palmerston.nt.gov.au](http://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au)

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